

The Six Stages of Evangelisation

The 1997 General Directory for Catechesis describes six stages in the process of Evangelisation. Writing about youth catechesis, Maura Hagarty has viewed the same process from the perspective of a young person coming into a relationship with Christ and participating fully in the life of the Church. She proposes six stages but sometimes, with the best of intentions, we give less consideration to stages 1,2 and 3.

A young person...

1. Comes to know love
2. Is exposed to a new way of life through relationships with Christians, including peers and adults
3. Hears the Gospel and is inspired to explore its implications
4. Is initiated through the sacraments and catechesis
5. Participates in the life of the community including liturgy
6. Commits to continuing the church's mission

(Maura Hagarty, Ph.D. Source Book on Adolescent Catechesis NFCYM 2008)